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# SECRET SERVICE TO HUNT PROFITEERS; WHOLESALE FOOD PRICES SLASHED HERE

## 8-CENT CAR FARE SURE, SAYS NIXON, AND MAY GO TO 10

Commissioner Says Financial  
and Traffic Danger Point  
Has Been Reached.

## HOPE TO AVERT STRIKE.

Union Leaders Say Every Effort  
Will Be Made to Prevent Tie-Up  
in New York.

Public Service Commissioner Nixon said today he believed there was nothing which could prevent an eight or ten cent fare on street railways of New York. He was quite convinced, he said, the transit situation was such that not only a financial calamity, but also the danger point in transit itself, had been reached.

In accepting an invitation to testify Friday in Washington before the Federal Commission on Street Railways, Commissioner Nixon plans to explain in detail the New York situation. He declares he is convinced that the public, while averse to a fare increase, will view the matter in a different light when informed that the companies are running under conditions in which accidents are almost inevitable.

After investigating the systems Commissioner Nixon says he fears accidents and is prepared to tell the Washington investigators that if a higher fare is not charged the companies cannot be held responsible for any serious accident.

Commissioner Nixon declared he was willing to shoulder all responsibility for a higher fare, because he sees that it is inevitable, but he will not permit political play in New York City to oppose the necessary increase and then have the blame for an accident heaped on his shoulders.

## UNION CAR LEADERS STOP TALK OF PROBABLE STRIKE ON LINES IN MANHATTAN

Report Organization of Men Going  
on in "Satisfactory Manner"—  
Hope to Avert Tie-Up.

National officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees to-day stopped talking about the probability of a strike on the traction lines of Manhattan or even the possibility of such a step. The work of organizing the men was going along, they said, in a "satisfactory manner."

But it was noticed that the three national officers who have been at the Continental Hotel for several days were joined overnight by two more; so that on the hotel register to-day were the names of Chairman P. J. Shea, of the Executive Committee; former State Senator James H. Vehey of Boston, general counsel; P. J. O'Brien, Second Vice President; Henry Jones and John W. Parker, national organizers.

For several days Shea had been saying that he didn't expect to do much in Manhattan and the Bronx without more organizers. He had

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## TWO ARMY AVIATORS LOST.

Search Along Border for Lieutenants  
Peterson and Davis.

MARFA, Tex., Aug. 12.—Searching parties were dispatched to-day to look for Lieutenants Peterson and Davis, American army aviators of El Paso, who were thought to be lost in Mexico.

## COHAN TO FIGHT ACTORS' STRIKE TO HIS LAST CENT

Managers Begin Hunt for  
Bankrolls of Equity  
Members.

## BISHOP BACKS UNION.

Venerable Preacher Climbs In-  
to Car and Exhorts Crowd  
For Equity Members.

Money is beginning to talk in the actors' strike—George Cohan's money. George has so much money it just can't keep still.

"All my cards are on the table," he cried at the meeting of the managers this afternoon. "Everything I've got is on the table. Every cent I've got—and I've got some—is in this fight, and I will run an elevator before I give in to the actors!"

More money talking—The Actors' Equity has engaged George L. Wickesham to represent them in court in the suits of the managers for from \$500,000 to \$6,000,000.

Mr. Wickesham talking—The actors have made just demands. The actors are right!

Money that isn't talking. The managers this afternoon began to look up the tax lists to discover the rich actors and locate their bankrolls.

Walter Wanger, producer of "John Ferguson" at the Fulton, who did not declare himself in with the producing managers until last night, said to-day that "John Ferguson" would appear to-night as usual. He got out injunctions to prevent the members of his company from striking. Other managers of closed theatres are following in his lead.

The Scenic Artists sent a communication to the Equity this afternoon, telling the actors that they are with them and will strike if necessary.

Charles Shea, President of the International Alliance of Stage Employees, cheered the hearts of the strikers by telling them that the \$500,000 suit was all bunk and that if the managers

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## B. R. T. GETS \$3,500 A DAY MORE REVENUE FROM NEW 2-CENT TRANSFER CHARGE

225,000 People Walk From Trans-  
fer Points Each Day Rather  
Than Pay Second Time.

THE sale of transfers at two cents each is netting the B. R. T. \$3,500 a day. That was the average sale for the first five days after the new order went into effect. This will increase the annual revenue of the company about \$1,275,000.

Two hundred and twenty-five thousand persons are walking from transfer points, it is estimated. Prior to the charge of two cents, about 400,000 transfers were issued daily. Now 175,000 are given out. These figures were made public at the general offices of the B. R. T. in Brooklyn to-day.

Just before the transfer charge was made effective officials estimated that the annual revenue from this new source would run between \$1,100,000 and \$1,300,000. The estimates had almost accurately designated the number of persons who would walk instead of pay the extra transfer charge, pressed the suits and didn't meet with

## HE'S IN CONGRESS AT 28; ITS YOUNGEST MEMBER A KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN



The rapid rise of King Swope in the political world dates from a speech he made recently in his home town in Kentucky, when he came out for a bounty for soldiers. Running on the Republican ticket, he carried the nominally Democratic district by 1,500 votes. He will fill the unexpired term of a former Democratic member.

## WORLD LABOR CONGRESS CALLED BY WILSON

Conference Provided for in Peace  
Treaty to Meet in Washington  
on Oct. 29.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The International Labor Conference, provided for in the peace treaty, has been called by President Wilson to meet in Washington, Oct. 29.

All nations, members of the International Labor Organization, as defined in Article 32 of the peace treaty and those which probably will become members prior to the conference, have been invited to send delegates. Secretary of Labor Wilson has been asked by the President to take charge of the arrangements.

The International Organization Committee of the conference has completed its work in London and Ambassador Davis has been instructed to invite the committee, in the name of the President, to meet in Washington in September.

## PRICE OF SHOES TO FALL, ASSERT LEATHER DEALERS

Drop May Not Come for Another  
Year, However, They Tell  
Grand Jury.

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—Predictions of a decided drop in the price of shoes were made by leather dealers and shoe manufacturers who testified to-day at the grand jury investigation of the high cost of living being conducted by District Attorney Pollard. The consensus of opinion, however, was that the decline might not come for another year.

Witnesses said that the people demanded a high grade of shoes and were willing to pay for them. One leather firm, it was brought out, had millions of dollars' worth of cheaper grades of sole leather on hand which manufacturers would not buy because it did not come up to the standard demanded by purchasers of shoes.

Former Gov. William L. Douglas was among the shoe manufacturers who were heard.

View the City from the  
WORLD RESTAURANT.  
Special for To-day (Tuesday), Aug. 12, 1919.  
Big lunch with French Fried Potatoes..... 40c  
Roast Leg of Spring Lamb with Green Peas..... 45c  
Table d'Hôte Dinner..... 50c  
Open week days from 7 A. M. to 2 A. M.  
Sundays from 11 A. M. to 2 A. M.—Adm.

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## LODGE ATTACKS WORLD'S LEAGUE AS MAKER OF WAR

Says in Senate Covenant Is  
a Deformed Experiment  
Upon a Noble Purpose.

## WOULD FETTER U. S.

Not a League of Peace but an  
Alliance Dominated by  
Five Great Powers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Describing the League of Nations as a "deformed experiment upon a noble purpose," Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and Republican leader of the Senate, declared in a Senate speech to-day that there were features of the league covenant which "as an American" he never could accept.

Creating, not a league of peace but an alliance embracing many "provisions for war," the covenant in its present form, he asserted, would kill the Monroe Doctrine, nullify any possibility of withdrawal from membership, impair the sovereign power of deciding domestic questions, and "plunge the United States into every controversy and conflict on the face of the globe."

"Let us beware," he said, "how we palter with our independence. We have not reached the great position, from which we were able to come down into the field of battle and help to save the world from tyranny, by being guided by others. Our vast power has all been built up and gathered together by ourselves alone."

"We forced our way upward from the days of the Revolution, through a world often hostile and always indifferent. We owe no debt to any one except to France in our Revolution, and those policies and those rights on which our power has been founded should never be lessened or weakened. It will be no service to the world to do so and it will be of intolerable injury to the United States. We will do our share. We are ready and anxious to help in all ways to preserve the world's peace. But we can do it best by not crippling ourselves."

"I am as anxious as any human being can be to have the United States render every possible service to the civilization and the peace of mankind, but I am certain we can do it best by not putting ourselves in leading strings or subjecting our policy and our sovereignty to other nations. I will go as far as any one in world service, but the first step to world service is the maintenance of the United States. You may call me selfish, if you will, conservative or reactionary, but an American I was born, an American I have remained all my life."

"I can never be anything else but an American, and I must think of the United States first, and when I think of the United States first in an arrangement like this I am thinking of what is best for the world, for if the United States fails the best hopes of mankind fail with it. I have never had but one allegiance—I cannot divide it now."

"The United States is the world's best hope, but if you fetter her in interests and quarrels of other nations, if you tangle her in the intrigues of Europe, you will destroy her power for good and endanger her very existence."

"So far as the question of isolation goes, it is impossible to isolate the United States. We may set aside all this empty talk about isolation. Nobody expects to isolate the United States or to make it a hermit Nation."

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## DRASTIC ACTION IS PLANNED AGAINST COLD STORAGE MEN TO CUT HIGH FOOD PRICES

Reconstruction Commission Will Urge on Gov.  
Smith Change in Laws to Prevent Creation  
of Artificial Shortage of Products.

DRASTIC action against cold storage men to smash high prices of food will be recommended to Gov. Smith, following a meeting to-day by Abram I. Elkus, Thomas V. Patterson, Mrs. Henry Moskowitz and other members of the Reconstruction Commission in the Hall of Records.

Many investigators regard the cold storage situation as one of the prime factors in exorbitant prices, and the commission, after thorough investigation, has gone on record in favor of stern regulation to curb the evil.

The commission in the recommendations to the Governor, points out that the full scope of cold storage operation could not be foreseen when regulatory legislation was passed, and urges modification of existing laws, as well as stringent provisions against keeping foods in storage to create artificial shortages and high prices.

Private cold storage houses, it is urged, should be brought under the same control as that aimed at in the case of public storage places. This is to prevent the hoarding of vast quantities of meats and other foods in the hands of a few speculators who own or control their own storage, as is exercised over those catering to independents.

Uniform legislation in other states is urged to end the practice of storing up food in one State where "liberal" laws favor the speculators, until it is profitable to release the stored foods for States which have legislation designed to protect consumers.

A provision for disposal of foods held in cold storage for more than twelve months is asked as one of the most important measures to control speculation in essential commodities, and to discourage the holding of food while prices soar to unreasonable figures.

Evils of the system as now directed have been exposed by the Division of Food and Markets and the Governor's attention is to be particularly drawn to the conditions set forth in the bulletin of the Division.

## ANOTHER CUT IN THE PRICE OF ARMY FOOD SOLD HERE

Baker Announces Decrease  
and Promises Further Re-  
vision Downward.

War Department food will be sold in New York next week at prices even lower than had been expected. Market Commissioner Day this afternoon had a telephone conversation with Deputy Commissioner O'Malley, who is in Washington, and Mr. O'Malley conveyed the good news.

"Mr. O'Malley tells me," said Dr. Day, "that he has a written statement from a representative of Secretary of War Baker giving considerable reductions of prices on food for New York and promising a further revision downward. It is provided that when New York buys she will pay the prices current at the time, and thus will get the benefit of any additional reductions that may be made."

In a telegram Mr. O'Malley said that the reductions already made on some items amounted to 15 to 20 per cent. He added that arrangements are being made to deliver by parcel post direct to the consumer at lower prices, and he said that it will be possible through the War Department to bring down prices of overalls, shirts, underwear, socks, towels and other necessities.

Commissioner Day announced that the actual sale of War Department surplus food to New York consumers will start next Monday morning. Dr. Day said, however, that the surplus in the hands of the War Department amounts to only about \$54,000,000 worth of food, and since this must be distributed over the country, the share of New York is not expected to have a permanent effect upon the market.

"The order blanks are ready," said

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## WILSON ASKS NEW POWER TO LOWER COST OF LIVING; MEAT AND VEGETABLES DROP

Wholesalers Cut Prices of Almost  
All Table Commodities—House  
Bill Imposes Penalty of \$10,000  
Fine and Five Years in Prison.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson to-day asked Congress for authority to use the Secret Service in running down profiteers and food hoarders and for an appropriation of \$175,000 for the work.

Wholesale food dealers have begun to make sharp reductions in prices of vegetables, dressed meats and fruits, Government reports showed to-day.

## GOV. SMITH GIVES FOOD INQUISITORS SWEEPING POWERS

Transfers Authority Under  
Moreland Act to Proceed  
Against Profiteers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 12.—The broad powers of inquiry and recommendation vested with the Governor of New York State, under the terms of the Moreland Act, will be delegated to John P. Finley, State Commissioner of Education, and former Gov. Martin H. Glynn, who were appointed by the Governor to investigate the causes of the present cost of living and to suggest remedies therefor, Gov. Smith announced to-day.

The Moreland Act vests with the Governor power to appoint investigators with authority to inquire into the activities of any State Department, Commission or Bureau.

The Governor's announcement, it was explained, means that Finley and Glynn will be empowered to investigate the State Department of Foods and Markets and the State Council of Farms and Markets and may, in addition, recommend that these departments proceed against food profiteers. A recommendation, under these circumstances, usually is considered equivalent to a demand backed by proper authority.

The statute creating the Council of Farms and Markets provided that the Council might fix the margin of profit to dealers in foodstuffs. It is stated, however, that although the Council has this authority, it has not the machinery or funds with which to enforce this provision.

Gov. Smith and Messrs. Finley and Glynn will meet in New York to-morrow to determine on the procedure to be followed in the investigation.

The Governor to-day notified District Attorney Swann of New York, that he would provide him with a special grand jury in connection with the investigation of food profiteers. If it is legally possible the Governor will have the powers of the special grand jury now investigating bootlegging enlarged so as to include a food inquiry. If this cannot be done, the executive will direct the empaneling of another special grand jury.

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## DANIELS SAILS FOR HAWAII.

Two Dreadnoughts and Six Destroyers  
Make the Trip.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Secretary Daniels sails to-day from Los Angeles for Honolulu, where he will attend the formal opening of the new Pearl Harbor dry dock, the Navy Department announced.

The dreadnoughts New York and Mississippi and six destroyers will make the trip.

GREY MAY BE AMBASSADOR.  
London Report Says He Is Likely to Come to U. S.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Associated Press).—Viscount Grey of Fallodon, who retired as head of the British Foreign Office in 1916, it is understood, is likely to accept the post of British Ambassador to the United States.

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